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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of a National Public Stakeholder Forum on the Rural
Energy for America Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the USDA Rural Development Mission area, will hold an informational meeting, entitled "Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) National Stakeholder Forum," associated with the recently published REAP rule and notice. The Stakeholder forum is open to the public, and participation can be in person or via webinar.

DATES: The Stakeholder Forum will be held on February 6, 2015, from 1 pm to 3 pm EDT. There will be two sessions with a short break in between. Session one will focus on the program changes to the grant and guaranteed loan

components of REAP as a result of the recently published REAP rule and enactment of the 2014 Farm Bill. Session two will include a panel of guests who will discuss opportunities and successes within REAP. A question and answer session will follow the panel discussion.

For those wishing to attend in person, seating will be available on a first come first serve basis. You must register, as described in the Instructions for Attending the Meeting in Person section, by noon EDT February 4, 2015.

ADDRESS: The Stakeholder Forum will take place in room 107-A of the Whitten Building on Jefferson Drive SW., located between 12th and 14th Streets SW., in Washington, DC 20250. For webinar participation, you must register for the webinar at <https://www.webcaster4.com/Webcast/Page/694/7209> prior to or during the webinar.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The REAP final rule and accompanying notice were published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2014 (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29> (December 29, 2014, page 78029)). In order to familiarize the public with the changes to the REAP rule, representatives of the Department of Agriculture are conducting a National Stakeholder Forum.

The purpose of this forum is to provide information on the final rule for the Rural Energy for America Program, focusing on the changes associated with application submittal, scoring, funding, and other program information. Participants will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions on the material in the presentation through the webinar software.

Date: February 6, 2015

Time: 1 pm - 3 pm

Location information: USDA headquarters, in the Whitten Building, 1400 Jefferson Drive SW., Room 107-A, Washington, DC 20250.

Webinar registration information can be found at
<https://www.webcaster4.com/Webcast/Page/694/7209>.

Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING IN PERSON: Space for attendance at the meeting is limited. Due to USDA headquarters security and space requirements, all persons wishing to attend the public meeting in person, must send an email to energydivision@wdc.usda.gov by noon EDT February 4, 2015, to register the names of those planning to attend. Registrations will be accepted until maximum room capacity is reached. To register, provide the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Organization
- Title
- Email
- City
- State

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